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Department of the Army

SUBJECT : Proposed Conference on Land Armaments
Production in the Soviet Bloc

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Intelligence, Department of the Army,
11 June 1957, Subject as above

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C. P. CABELL
Lieutenant General, USAF
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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Proposed Conference on Land Armaments Production in the Soviet Bloc (U)

1. It is proposed that the third annual Land Armaments Conference be held in Washington from 14 - 18 October 1957.

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2. This invitation is also being sent to the [redacted] and the Director of Intelligence, U. S. Air Force.

3. The scope of the conference will be the present and future production of Land Armaments in the U.S.S.R. and European Satellites. Particular emphasis will be given to certain subjects such as engineer equipment, army aviation, and specialized types of ammunition, which have not been covered in detail in earlier conferences. The increased volume and variety of information recently received on the Satellites should provide the basis for a more complete discussion of the production of armaments in those countries.

4. If it is agreed that the conference be held as proposed, a detailed agenda will be sent by 1 August. Participants will not be asked to prepare formal papers for presentation but will be asked to assume responsibility for leading the discussion at a particular session. Suggestions as to subjects to be included on the agenda and as to the duration of the conference will be welcomed.

5. Comments are requested on the desirability of holding such a conference, whether the time and place proposed are satisfactory, and the maximum number of delegates to attend from your agency.

Robert C. Richardson

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[redacted] No more than three or four of the above will attend at any one time. There will probably be an additional delegate from [redacted] One observer will

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